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**TO:** Renton Planning Commission  
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**SUBJECT:** **Tree Retention Workshop**

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A year ago, planning staff introduced the subject of tree retention for your review. This work program was set aside while we focused on the pressing concerns of the Highlands Study Area and the East Renton Plateau pre-zoning.

At the time that we began discussing tree retention, the Commission reviewed an issue paper and some drafted code. That input was collected and changes were made to the draft code. Soon after Commission review, the City of Renton decided to use authority within the existing code to require more stringent tree retention.

The Director's Rule that has been used in the last year, the original issue paper, and the revised draft code are included in your packets. Also included are all policies applicable to tree retention issues from the Comprehensive Plan, and a "clean" (not redlined) version of the existing code. Please review these items in preparation for our workshop on Tree Retention on January 17, 2007.